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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>File # 28</i>	Application Number	09/116,124
	Filing Date	July 15, 1998 <i>BAZ/3/304</i>
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	Group Art Unit	2611
	Examiner Name	Hai V. Tran
	Attorney Docket Number	450100-4521

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.	Submission required under C.F.R. § 1.114.																					
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 20, 2004. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered) ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 																					
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 																					
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a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103© for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)																					
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3.	Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">a.</td> <td style="width: 40%; text-align: right;">02/27/2004 CNGUYEN 00000028 09116124</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">770.00 0P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>a.</td> <td colspan="2"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed for the following: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">i.</td> <td style="width: 40%; text-align: right;">01 FC:1801</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">770.00 0P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td> <td colspan="2"> <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17) </td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii.</td> <td colspan="2"> <input type="checkbox"/> This is a Petition for a -month extension of time. A check for _____ is enclosed. </td> </tr> </table> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>b.</td> <td colspan="2"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320. </td> </tr> <tr> <td>c.</td> <td colspan="2"> <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) </td> </tr> </table>	a.	02/27/2004 CNGUYEN 00000028 09116124	770.00 0P	a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed for the following: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">i.</td> <td style="width: 40%; text-align: right;">01 FC:1801</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">770.00 0P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td> <td colspan="2"> <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17) </td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii.</td> <td colspan="2"> <input type="checkbox"/> This is a Petition for a -month extension of time. A check for _____ is enclosed. </td> </tr> </table>		i.	01 FC:1801	770.00 0P	ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17)		iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> This is a Petition for a -month extension of time. A check for _____ is enclosed.		b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.		c.	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)	
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